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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: APPLICATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

AIRWAYS TO GOVERNMENT WESTERN SAMOA

REF: WELLINGTON 753

1. ALTHOUGH RESPONSE BY GWS TO EMBASSY NOTES RE DESIGNATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS AIRWAYS TO OPERATE BETWEEN PAGO PAGO AND APIA MAY BE A STALLING TACTIC, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH POSITION TAKEN BY GWS DELEGATION DURING THE TALKS HELD IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1972. SINCE TALKS RECESSED WITH EXPECTATION OF A SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN ABOUT ONE YEAR OR THEREAFTER, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ACCEPT GWS PROPOSAL THAT TALKS BE HELD IN APIA.

2. DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY WISHES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECON/COMM COUNSELORS PLAN TO VISIT WESTERN SAMOA AND TO

PROPOSE THAT TALKS BE SET FOR APRIL 22-24 IN APIA. IN ADDITION TO HARTWICK, WHO WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN, DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF TWO CAB OFFICIALS, JOHN GOLDEN, ASSISTANT TO MEMBER ROBERT TIMM, AND JAMES HORNEMAN, CHIEF, PACIFIC AREA BRANCH, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, CAB, AND POSSIBLY AN INDUSTRY OBSERVER FROM THE AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION,

NATHANIEL WILSON, ALTHOUGH WILSON NOT YET CONFIRMED.

3. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION BEING PREPARED FOR HARTWICK. ALSO POUCHING FULL RECORD OF 1972 TALKS.

4. EMBASSY MAY PREPARE AND SEND NOTE TO GWS ACCEPTING REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS IN APIA AND SUGGESTING THEY BE HELD APRIL 22-24. NOTE MAY INCLUDE NAMES MEMBERS US DEL. KISSINGER

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